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Title: "HOUSING ASSEMBLY FOR INSTALLATION IN A WINDOW FRAME"
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"Preliminary Amendment"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This application is filed as a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/009,641, filed on January 20, 1998. ^{now S. 996,283} Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please delete claims 1-30 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 31 and 33 as follows.

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31. (amended) A window sash assembly comprising:
a sash having a header rail and a stile joined at a corner and having an opening in the sash; and
a tilt latch disposed in the opening including a housing having side walls, a rear wall, and a bottom wall; a top wall extending beyond the side walls and the rear wall to define a flange; [and] a protuberance

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